



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Hawai'i National Board Certified Teachers' Day

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards was founded in 1987 with the mission to advance student learning and achievement by establishing the definitive standards and systems for certifying accomplished educators, providing programs and advocating policies that support excellence in teaching and leading, and engaging National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) and leaders in that process; and

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards recognizes that by December 2013, Hawai'i had 469 National Board Certified Teachers; and

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards highlights that in order to achieve National Board Certification, applicants must complete a performance-based assessment, which can take between one and three years to complete; and those teachers are nationally recognized as being among the best in the profession; and

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards research shows that students of National Board Certified Teachers make greater gains on achievement tests over time, than students taught by teachers who are not board-certified; and

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards acknowledges the vital role that National Board Certified Teachers play in the academic growth and development of Hawai'i's children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2014, as

"HAWAI'I NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS' DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in congratulating the Hawai'i teachers who have achieved certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and applaud them for their outstanding work and commitment to excellence in education.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of January 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i